

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 15-20 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species. Claims 10-14 were provisionally elected, with traverse. Therefore, only claims 10-14 are pending in the application.

Claims 10-12 and 14 are rejected and claim 13 is allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-14 are objected to because is not clear in what sense elements 52 are "pins". In a conventional lock, pairs of cylindrical members, commonly called pins, ride up and down in bores formed in the lock cylinder body in response to insertion of a key. In the locked condition, one pin of at least one pair of pins extends across the shear line between the plug body and the cylinder body, thereby blocking rotation of the plug in the cylinder body. The pins are sized so that when a valid key is inserted in the lock, the individual key cuts raise the pins by a predetermined amount to an "unlocked" condition. At the unlocked condition, the junction between each pair of pins aligns with a shear line, allowing the plug body to rotate within the cylinder body.

In the illustrated embodiments, pin members 52 are configured to ride up and down in response to insertion of a key in a manner analogous to the pins of a conventional lock. Insertion of a valid key moves the pin members 52 to a predetermined position, while the pin members 52 simultaneously move the second pin members 62 to an unlocking position wherein the recesses 242 on the second pin members 62 align with the lock bar 70, thereby allowing the plug to rotate within the cylinder body.

Since pin members 52 are analogous to the pins of a conventional lock, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the objection.

Claims 10-12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Loreti.

Loreti does not have a guide bar that moves parallel to, and transverse to, a first axis. Accordingly, Loreti does not anticipate claims 10-12 and 14 and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Claim 13 is rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims and is, therefore, in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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